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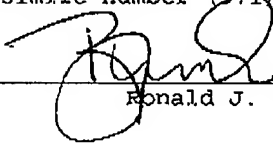
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2008. A petition for a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks that follow.

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